

Alcoa, Inc. Massena, New York Facility, EPA I.D. No. NYD002232304

Approval to Re-Open Existing Cell 3 of the Chemical Waste Landfill;

EPA Review of Proposed Cell 3 Expansion

This letter authorizes Approval of the re-opening of Cell No. 3 of the Alcoa landfill for PCB waste disposal.

PCB waste which may be disposed in the re-opened Cell 3 of the landfill is limited to sediments (including stabilization and bulking agents) and miscellaneous contaminated debris, (e.g. Remedial Options Pilot Study (“ROPS”) and staging area wastes) associated with the dredging of the Grasse River only.

Previous waivers of the distance to groundwater requirement and a specific groundwater analysis requirement concerning chlorinated organics contained in 40 C.F.R. § 761.75 re-authorized for the re-opening of the existing Cell 3.

ORC, CASD and DECA worked collaboratively on the draft letter with ORC as lead, and in consultation with ERRD as the approval is a component of the Proposed Plan for cleanup of the Grasse River Superfund Site.

The draft letter was circulated for concurrence among ORC, CASD and DECA prior to public comment.

The letter is for DECA’s signature as authorization for PCB disposal has been redelegated to DECA. A proposed redelegation to CASD of certain PCB facilities also regulated under RCRA is under review by OPM but has not yet been approved.

CASD posted the draft letter on the EPA website, and invited public comments in the period August 29 to September 23, 2016. ERRD and PAD were informed.

ALCOA submitted comments to EPA on the draft of this letter, which EPA took into account in preparing the final Approval letter. No other comments were received.

A courtesy document companion of the initial and revised versions of the letter is provided. The public notice package, including the letter/concurrence, is also provided.

ORC, CASD and DECA believe that the incorporated comments do not substantively alter the conditions proposed in the draft letter. We therefore recommend that the document not be recirculated for concurrence.